

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

## Abstract of the Disclosure

A piezoelectric element ~~comprising~~ includes a ceramic substrate, a piezoelectric portion made of a piezoelectric ceramic composition containing a  $\text{PbMg}_{1/3}\text{Nb}_{2/3}\text{O}_3$ - $\text{PbZrO}_3$ - $\text{PbTiO}_3$  ternary system solid solution composition having an average particle diameter of 1 – 10  $\mu\text{m}$  with a maximum particle diameter being not more than 5 times as large as the average particle diameter ~~or less and being represented by the following general formula (1) including the chemical formula discussed below as a main component and the piezoelectric and the piezoelectric ceramic composition includes~~ 0.05 to 10.0 mass% of  $\text{NiO}$ , ~~and an electrode.~~ The ~~An~~ electrode is electrically connected to the piezoelectric portion, and the piezoelectric portion is solidly attached to the ceramic substrate directly or via the electrode. The piezoelectric ceramic composition is represented by the following general formula:

$\text{Pb}_x(\text{Mg}_{1/3}\text{Nb}_{2/3})_a\text{Ti}_b\text{Zr}_c\text{O}_{3-x-a-b-c}$  — (1) wherein  $0.95 \leq x \leq 1.05$ ;  $0.8 \leq y \leq 1.0$ ; a, b and c are decimals falling in a range surrounded by (a,b,c) = (0.550, 0.425, 0.025), (0.550, 0.325, 0.125), (0.375, 0.325, 0.300), (0.100, 0.425, 0.475), (0.100, 0.475, 0.425) and (0.375, 0.425, 0.200) in the coordinates with coordinate axes of the a, b and c, and  $a+b+c = 1.00$ .